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Tuesday, 19th September 196

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past eight of the clock, the Deputy Speaker Sri B. BHAKTAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Seed forms.

*1603 *Q.*—Sri M. SELVARAJ (on behalf of Sri S. M. ANNAMALAI; கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வடாற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் இவ்வாண்டு எத்தனை விதைப் பண்ணைகளை விட்டுவிட உத்தேசம் ?

(இ) அதற்கான காரணங்கள் யாவை ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :

(அ) Four State Seed Farms.

(இ) The main reasons are—

(i) lack of sufficient supply of water for irrigation.

(ii) unfavourable seasonal conditions;

(iii) High lease rate; and

(iv) undependable labour.

Minor Ports—Inclusion of Leepuram

* 1604 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Leepuram in Kanyakumari district has been included in the list of Minor Ports; and

(*b*) if not, why?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No. Sir.

(*b*) The Indian Ports Act XV of 1908 was withdrawn from Leepuram about 30 years back as it was defunct.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : In view of the fact that actual surveys were conducted and expert opinion was sought with regard to the improvement of Leepuram port as a minor port by the erstwhile Travancore-Cochin Government, will our Government also go through all those reports and consider the possibility of improving the Leepuram port as a minor port, as there are very natural facilities for improving it as a natural harbour?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : Sir, I have this information. Leepuram or Srimoolapuram near Kanyakumari is not situated in a gulf with deep waters to be taken for a natural harbour. The State Port Officer has reported that there is no proposal to reopen or improve the once existed Leepuram Port.